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work, on Thursday the 16th. of Decemb. 1686.

TOGETHER,

With the Circumstances that attended it; and how,  
upon Examination of the Witnesses, the CORONER's  
Inquest Found it: With other Material Matters, that oc-  
curred on that Occasion.

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**COMMITTED  
By one Thomas Watfon, &c**

**T**HE World cannot but stand amazed at, and deeply deplore the miserable condition of Mankind, when it pleases the Almighty God, to leave them to themselves: And the more Miserable it is, that no Example of Publick Justice can prevail upon them to take warning; nor yet by the Sacred Laws of Holy Writ, which absolutely says, *That if Man spills Innocent Blood, by Man his Blood shall be spilled*; a most Miserable and Lamentable Example of which, You have here a True Relation as followeth.

*Thomas Walsen*, a *Stafford-shire-Man*, Born at *Hilderbham* near *Stone*, in the said County, of good and Honest Parents, was sent up to *London* to be an Apprentice, and was Bound to a *Crape-Weaver*, where he Served his Time Faithfully; and after that Married a Wife, and Lived in the *Mint*, in the Borough of *Southwark*, for some years; but there being often Quarrels between him and his Wife, as the Neighbours Living near him, do affirm: At last, it so fell out, that on *Thursday* the 16th. of this Instant *Decemb.* (though nothing appeared to the contrary, but that she was an Industrious and Laborious Woman) the said *Thomas Walsen* committed a most Horrid and Barbarous Murder on his Wife, (being great with Child) that ever was heard of in the Memory of Man.

The manner and provocation was this, *viz.* He having had some Jealousie of her Imbezling his Money, or taking it up and not giving him an account of it; for that he not only sent her abroad with his Work, but that she undertook to Sell Crape and Hair-Plush for others, as also carrying them on sundry occasions to the Dyers, he took occasion to watch her, and found that she went into a Broakers-Shop (where she had Pawned two Pieces of Crape for Money to supply her present Necessity) with an intent, as she said, to Redeem them; but this not satisfying him, he abused her in the Street, at an unseemly rate, threatening her likewise in such a manner, that she was afraid to come home, and so lay at a Friends House in *Blackmen-street* that Night; when the next Morning he not only sent to Inquire for her, but came in search of her himself; but she being apprehensive of some danger, refused to go with him, at least to go home with him, unless some Persons whom she named (and

were

were it seems Lodgers in the House where she Lived) were at home; whereupon he leaving her, on *Thursday* it happened, that she having heard that her Husband had given out some threatening words against her, came to a Neighbours House, and told the People what had befallen her, yet expressing a willingness to return home; and thereupon that matters might be somewhat accommodated between them, and a better understanding had; she desired one Cook a Journey-man Weaver, to go up and pacifie her Husband, which he undertook to do; when coming into his Chamber, he found *Waiſon* drying a piece of Crape by the Fire; whereupon, he said, How now, what are you Drying your Crape? Ay, says he; and thereupon looking over his shoulder, he espied his Wife, who was it seems, (contrary to the knowledge of the said Cook) unadvisedly come after him, upon the sight of her, Swearing an Oath, and giving out some threatening words for her refusing to come Home; he rise from his Chair, and made at her in a great Fury, but Cook Interposing; he steps to the Bed, and from the Teaster takes his Bayonet, (one of the Daggers the Granadeers wear by their side, having been lately a Souldier, but now cashiered, or otherwise dismissed) and whilst Cook (who nor knowing what he had in his hand, by reason of the darkness of the place, &c.) endeavour'd to keep them asunder, reaching out his Arm, he struck her on the Right Side, under the short Ribs; upon which the Blood gulhing out, she then with a faint Voice cryed, O! Thomas, *you have now done my business*, and so fell down Dead; whereupon, whilst Cook run down to call People to Apprehend him, he took her in his Arms and placed her in a Chair, seeming much to bewail the unhappy accident, crying out, *He had Kill'd his Wife, and was undone himself*: Immediately the Chirurgeon being

being sent for, and probing the Wound, delivered upon Oath, that the Wound was one Inch and an half in breadth, and as he believes nine Inches deep; and he does likewise believe; the Child was Drowned in its Mothers Blood, or else struck to the Heart with the aforesaid Dagger.

Thomas Watson being asked what was the provocation he had to do this Wicked Murther? he answered very slightly, *His Wife had been a very bad and ill Wife to him in a great many respects; but it was his Passion, and he was sorry for it.* But by the Relation of his Neighbours (who were Sworn before the Justice of the Peace) he had often threatned his Wives Death; and that she her self had said oftentimes to her Neighbours, *That she was afraid her Husband would be the Death of her some time or other.*

So after a long and tedious Examination before the Justice of the Peace, Thomas Watson was committed to the Marshalls, the Goal for the County of Surry; where he lyes till the next Assizes for that County, and must then expect the Reward of such a Bloody Murther: And it is hoped, the Horridness of this Inhumane Murther will set that serious Impression in, and a Holy Resolution on, the Heart of every Man, for ever to abhor, and abandon such unheard of Barbarous Cruelties.

On Friday, Decemb. the 17th. the Coroner's Inquest took a View of the Body; and upon Examination of the Witnesses, Found it Wilful Murder: After which the Corps were Buried.

F I N I S.



I Being the *Constable* that Apprehended *Watson* the Murderer, and Heard the Examination of the Witnesses upon this Matter, do testify This to be a True Account. Witness my Hand this 18<sup>th</sup>. of December, 1686.

John Underhill.

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